In the year 1990-91 the following financial assistance was given to Orissa:-

i) for mushroom processing and infrastructure development Rs. 2.14 lakhs.

ii) for dehydration and picking and canning of mushrooms Rs.21.149 lakhs

iii) for meeting the raw material requirements of the processing units-Rs.18.50 lakhs.

iv) for meeting expenditure on advertising and publicity of mushrooms - Rs. 0.47 lakhs

(c) There are no specific proposals pertaining to Cuttack district or Orissa lying pending with the Government.

Development Scheme of Orissa

188. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have sent during the last three years some development scheme to the planning Commission for approval;

(b) if so, the details and locations of these schemes; and

(c) the details of action taken on each such scheme by the Planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a). No Development scheme received from the Government of Orissa is pending in the Planning Commission for approval.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Drug Price Control Order

189. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Durg Price Control Order has been fully implemented by the Government;

(b) whether the benefits of the customs duty concessions to as many as 145 drugs announced by the Government during the past three years have been passed on to the consumers by reducing the price of the medicines;

(c) if no, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the prices of almost every drug have been increased by the drug companies;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government monitor the impact of customs duty concessions of the prices of drugs; and

(g) if not the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The main provisions of the Drugs (Prices control) Order, 1987 have been implemented.

(b), (c), (f) and (g) Government has not reduced duty on 145 bulk drugs during the last three years. Customs duty was reduced in more than 145 drug intermediates in the last there years from 115% to 90%. This reduction in duty is allowed to encourage the production of bulk drugs from more basic stage, and is not linked necessarily in every case to reduction in the price of the bulk drug: